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Conduct of war (Hierarchy and tasks - sphere of responsibility)

of the Armed forces

of the political command

The Fuhrer

Head of State

C.in C. of Armed Forces (Hitler)

O.K.W. (Military staff of Fuhrer)

C.in C. of Navy (Raeder, Dönitz)

C.in C. of Air Force (Göring)

C.in C. of Army until Dez. 1941 v. Brauchitsch from Dez. 1941 Hitler

C.in C. Naval Forces (Mar. Gruppen K.ds.)

C.in C. Air Forces (Luftflotten)

C.in C. Army Groups + (Heeresgruppen)

Armies (Armeen)

subordinated to above : troops (ships) of corresponding section of armed forces

furthermore only in respect of military employment and supply : Units of Waffen-SS — personal, organisation, disciplinary, judiciary

furthermore only for movements, supply and support of reconnaissance and counter-intelligence : Supreme Leader of SS and police forces, SD-Special-Units, Einsatz-Gruppe — as regarding employment, personal, organisation, disciplinary, judiciary

region : only areas of operations

tasks : military operations in the field
military protection of areas of operations
military administration of areas of operations

not included in influence of military staffs

Reichsfuhrer SS and Police

after 20.VII.1944

until 20.VII.1944

P.o.W.'s.

general policy (The Fuhrer)

political and police measures (supreme leader of SS and police)

SD-Special Units

economic resources

man-power

cultural life (art treasures)

Reich commissioners :

war economy (Göring)

man-power (Sauckel)

culture (Rosenberg)

non included in indicted military organisation :

Militaer Befehlshaber :	Wehrmachts Befehlshaber :
Belgium + Northern France	Protectorate
France	Government general of Poland
South Eastern Europe (and Serbia)	Ostland
Greece	Ukraine
North Italy (from 1943)	Norway
	Danmark
	The Netherlands
subordinated to : O.K.H. i.e. directly under Hitler from Dez. 1941 (C.in C. West, Sudwest, Sudost only in respect of operations against enemy forces)	subordinated to : O.K.W. i.e. directly under Hitler (Keitel had no power of his own to give orders)
tasks : military protection administration in cooperation with the respective government or corresponding foreign office agency	tasks : military protection of the respective territory Himmler : guerilla or partisan warfare in the east from 1942 and at time also in Italy and in the Balkan
cultural treasures	
man power	
economic resources	
police measures (supreme leader of SS and police forces	

Reich Commissioners :

The Netherlands

Norway

Ukraine

Ostland

Reich Minister of the occupied Eastern territories

Government general of Poland

Protectorate

Tasks :

political administration

cultural life (art treasures)

man power

economic resources

police measures (supreme leader of SS and police forces)

Moreover, the administration of the following countries with German-recognized or German-appointed Governments was handled in cooperation with Reich commissioners, ambassadors or foreign-office envoys respectivily

France	Greece
Danmark	Jugoslavia
Croatia	Albania
Norway	(Ital. Gvt.)

Explanations :

- ——— military responsibility
- ——— political responsibility
- ——— national governments
- - - - - military organisations directly under Hitlers command as C.in C. of the armed forces and army and not included in the indicted group

+ as from 1940 some army groups or armies were directly placed under Hitlers command.

Anjou Winter
General der Geb. Truppe.

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General der Gebirgstruppen

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Nuernberg, den 13. Juli 1946

EIDESSTATTLICHE ERKLAERUNG

Ich, August W i n t e r , geb. 18. 1. 1897 in Muenchen, gebe zu der anliegenden Zeichnung "Kriegfuehrung (Unterstellungsverhaeltnisse und Aufgabenbereich)" folgende eidesstattliche Erklaerung ab:

Die nebenstehende Skizze der Abgrenzung der Aufgaben und Verantwortungsbereiche im Zweiten Weltkrieg ist nach bestem Wissen und Gewissen aufgestellt. Dabei sind, soweit es die Uebersichtlichkeit zuliess, auch die Abaenderungen aufgenommen, welche im Laufe des Krieges durchgefuehrt wurden.

Als ehemaliger Stellvertretender Chef des Wehrmachtfuehrungsstabes bin ich ueber die Zustaendigkeitsregelung unterrichtet.

Aug. Winter.

(gez. August W i n t e r)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13. day of July 1946.

Paul L. Burger, Capt. 0-451219

I, Emma D. Schwabenland, duly conversant with the English and German languages, testify, that I have acted as interpreter for the swearing of the above affidavit.

Emma D. Schwabenland

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